

TRANSVAAL

On the Verge
of War.

IRELAND

A Seat in the House
Offered a Chicago Man.

FOREIGN NEWS.

INDIA

Lady Curzon's
Social Success.

ENGLAND

Mr. Choate Visiting
the Bradley Martins.BOERS' REPLY RECEIVED,
ENGLAND RUSHES TROOPS.

Transvaal, Assured of the Aid
of the Orange Free State,
Practically Defies Great
Britain's Ultimatum.

Great Crowds in London Cheer
General White as He Leaves
to Take Command in South
Africa.

PRETORIA.

Sept. 16.—The reply
of the Transvaal Govern-
ment was handed to the
British agent here, Mr. Co-
nningham Greene, at 11 o'clock this morn-
ing. It will be officially published here on
Monday at 9 a. m.

Cape Town, Sept. 16.—Further tele-
grams from Pretoria to-day confirm the
forenoon of the reply to the Transvaal to
Great Britain, which does not accept the
demands of the British Government as a
whole. Great excitement prevails at Pre-
toria over the consequences which may
ensue. The young Boers are asking to be
led into the field immediately. It is im-
possible to predict what will be the situa-
tion after the delivery of the reply in Lon-
don. The feeling here is that it will be
impossible for the Imperial Government
and undisciplined upon its part again to en-
ter upon an interchange of arguments.

The Royal Munster Regiment has arrived
here.

London, Sept. 16.—Information from all
sources points to the extreme gravity of the
Transvaal situation.

Pretoria advises emanating from a Boer
source, say the reply is uncompromising,
and that preparation for a staunch resist-
ance is proceeding continuously.

Another Pretoria special, dated Septem-
ber 15, says the situation is now regarded
as all but hopeless, unless Great Britain re-
troverts from her position. The dispatch
says:

"The Governments of the two republics
consider the Transvaal should refuse to
concede anything further, and it is believed
the Boers will have the support of all the
Africans throughout South Africa."

Orange Free State with Boers.

It is now definitely stated that the
Orange Free State has agreed to unite with
the Transvaal in resisting the British
claims.

Out of all the numerous channels through
which South African news reaches London
not one gives the faintest hope that the
Boer reply will be favorable, the majority
taking the view that war is extremely
probable.

The Boer representatives here and on the
Continent reiterate that the British Gov-
ernment is allowing itself to be influenced
by those wanting British dominion over the
whole of South Africa, and that conviction
of the truth of this is so firmly rooted in
the minds of the burghers that it is im-
possible to hope they will accept the com-
pulsory friendly advice regarding
settling the matter on Great Britain's pres-
ent terms.

Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United
States Embassy, has gone to Germany,
and with his wife will soon visit Switzer-
land.

The United States military attaché, Colo-
nel Samuel S. Sumner, is accompanying
Emperor William at the military manue-
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The Men Whom Britain Will Have to Fight.

The upper picture shows President
General Joubert, driving away from a
crowd.

The First Battalion of the Northumber-
land Fusiliers, 900 strong, and detach-
ments of the Army Service Corps and Ordi-
nance Corps sailed on the steamer Gair at
2 p. m. to-day from Southampton, en route
to Natal, amid great enthusiasm. The men
appeared to be in splendid condition and
openly anxious for fighting. The Fusiliers
went direct from Aldershot, but many of
the officers of that regiment and many
special service officers started from Lon-
don, receiving at Waterloo Station an en-
thusiastic send-off from the large crowd
present. The porters cried, "All aboard for
Pretoria!" which was taken up by the
crowd uproariously.

Sir George White Departs.

General Sir George Stewart White, V. C.,
former Quartermaster-General, who is go-
ing to command the troops in Natal, sails
with his staff on the Tantalion Castle, from
Plymouth. He left London subsequent to
the main body of the officers.

Though General White tried to keep pri-
vate the hour of his departure, a large
crowd was present and gave him an ova-
tion.

Captain Sir Edward Cliechester, who com-
manded the British cruiser Immortalité at
Manila, is among the officers accompanying
General White. He is going to Cape Town
to command the second-class cruiser Doris,
flagship of Admiral Harris. Captain
Cliechester said to a reporter:

"This is my first march. It is difficult
to say which way events will turn. My
work is among the hewers of wood and
drawers of water. I am to hustle between
Cape Town and Delagoa Bay, the prospec-
tive seat of war. In the Doris, with pro-
visions and equipment for the men.

"I look back with vast pleasure at my
old American comrades, now off on a dif-
ferent scene of action. I am sorry I can-
not see the reception to Admiral Dewey or
join in welcoming such a typical navy man.
Admiral Dewey is off to peace, while I
fear I am off into the thick of war. The
scenes have changed, that is all. Good-by."

No Declaration of War Needed.

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would immediately precede and follow hos-
tilities with the Transvaal continue to oc-
cupy public attention. It appears that no
declaration of war is necessary. The pro-
ceeding according to good authority, would be
a proclamation by the British High Com-
missioner, Sir Alfred Milner, stating that
the Convention of London is annulled, and
that Queen Victoria has resumed the
government of the country, known as the
South African Republic.

The General commanding the British ex-
peditionary force would then be instructed
to occupy the Transvaal and hold it until
a fresh government is established. When
the country is pacified a commission,
doubtless including all classes of the in-
habitants of the Transvaal, would be ap-
pointed to draft a new constitution.

That all this is easier said than done is
quite palpable, even to the most enthusi-
astic Englishman. Estimates of the
strength of the Boers differ widely. John
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army of 50,000 men in the field, while the
War Office officials seem to think that
25,000 is all they could muster. As a mat-
ter of fact, their strength entirely depends
upon the assistance they receive from the
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is impossible to gauge. The present at-
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lated army recruiting. Crowds of young
men surround the offices, and daily large
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parently, not influenced the British populace.
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seems less acute than several weeks ago.
A significant instance of this is seen at the
Palace Music Hall, which is packed nightly

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would be enhanced by attacking a weak
nation, lamenting that age and ill health
prevent him from aiding the peace move-
ment, declaring it is undeniable that the
Jameson raid was an attempt to usurp
the Transvaal, and asserting that what
the Outlanders' bullets failed to do they
now hope to do by votes.

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policy is expansion, which, less politely
expressed, means aggression, and for which
there is a still less polite word, which is
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Chow announces the arrival there yesterday
of Prince Henry of Prussia and the Ger-
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The crowd cheered lustily as the train
pulled out, and pressed around the cars in
order to get a handshake with General
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VICEREINE'S FETES
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Magnificent Uniforms and Handsome Costumes
Lend a Pleasing Glamour to the Social Affairs
Given by Lady Curzon.

(Copyright, 1899, by the New York
Journal and Advertiser.)

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Simla
mails describe Lady
Curzon's first vice-
regal season, now drawing to a close, as the
most brilliant on record. A correspondent
writes that many persons were afraid that
with a rich American Viceress and her
rich American relations it would cost them
more, or as much, to live in Simla as to
go home, but this has not come to pass. A
season in Simla is an expensive matter
at all times, but it is no worse now than
it has been in recent years.

At the beginning of the season there was
the state ball and the Viceroy's levee, and
since then Lord and Lady Curzon have had
a series of fortnightly dances at the vic-
regal lodge, which have been very much
appreciated by those accustomed to the
sombre appearance of London ballrooms.
These entertainments are a great delight.
The proportion of uniforms, both political
and military, to ordinary dress suits is at
least ten to one, and as officers who wear
them come from every regiment in the
English and native armies in India, and
from the Imperial service troops as well,
the sight is absolutely unique.

Lady Curzon is most popular socially, and
she makes a very handsome vicereine.

She has acquired a charming regal man-
ner without the excessive stiffness and the
freezing hauteur of a grand dame, and in
her dark evening frocks and diamond thro-
ws she looks uncommonly like Du Maurier's
exquisite pictures of the Duchess of Towers
in Peter Ibbetson.

In addition to the state ball and the vic-
regal dances at the viceregal lodge, Lady
Curzon also has given a big garden party
and a children's fancy dress ball. Among
other big dances of the season were those
of the Knights of the Black Heart and the
Celestials, both of which were attended by
Lady Curzon and her two sisters, the
Misses Lettice. The Knights of the Black
Heart are sundry bachelors and grass-
widowers, who have banded themselves to-
gether for the benefit of Simla society.

Two Women Suffocated by Gas.
Toronto, Sept. 16.—Mrs. J. C. Ar-
mstrong and her sister-in-law, Miss Lottie
Armstrong, of Lindsay, were found dead to-
day this morning at her brother's residence
here. Death was due to asphyxiation, the
gas having been only partly turned off last
night.

Callao Swept by Flames.
Lima, Peru, Sept. 16.—A serious con-
flagration broke out at Callao at 1 a. m.
to-day. It was only subdued at 8 a. m.
Many buildings were destroyed and very
great losses were sustained.

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Lace Curtains, Sash Curtains, Renaissance and Point Arabe Laces,
Plain and Printed China Silks, Fringes, etc.

Irish Point \$4.75, \$6.50, \$7.50
Lace Curtains,

Renaissance \$9.75, \$12.50
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MOVEMENTS OF NOTED
AMERICANS ABROAD.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—United
States Ambassador
Joseph H. Choate
is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Mar-
tin, in Invernesshire. He is expected in
London at the end of this month. Mr.
Choate, Jr., is deer stalking with the Earl
of Kintore.

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IRISH PARTY OFFERS A
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T. F. Harvey May Become a Member
of the English Parliament from
Ireland.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—T. F. Harvey, of
Chicago, who made a fortune recently in
the chewing gum combination, has been
staying in Ireland, where he was born. A
section of the Irish party has offered him
one of their sure seats at the next election.
Mr. Harvey will not make a decision until
he returns from his forthcoming visit to
America. He has been on intimate terms
with the leaders of the various sections
while in Ireland. He said:

"I believe the prospects are good for a
reunion of all the elements, thus once more
presenting a practically solid Irish front
against English Conservatism."

Mr. William O'Brien's newspaper, the
Irish People, made its first appearance in
Dublin this week. The self-described or-
gan of reunited Ireland contains that all
the Irish forces must be recast and re-
created to insure success.

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